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SUBJECT: U.S. RESIDUAL ACTIVITIES IN THAILAND: JOINT
PRESS STATEMENT

REF: BANGKOK 20018

1. THE TEXT OF THE JOINT PRESS STATEMENT AS REVISED BY
THE THAI IS APPROVED, ALTHOUGH YOU MAY WISH TO INSERT
AN "AND" IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FIRST LINE ON PAGE TWO SO
THAT THE SENTENCE READS "... THEREFORE, THE ONLY U.S.
MILITARY PERSONNEL REMAINING IN THAILAND, OTHER THAN
THOSE ATTACHED TO THE EMBASSY AND THE SEATO MEDICAL RE-
SEARCH LABORATORY. . ."

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2. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE THE WORDS "ORIGINALLY OPERATING AT RAMASUN" DROPPED AT THE END OF PARA THREE OF THE THAI TEXT. INCLUDING THESE WORDS MIGHT RAISE QUESTIONS AS TO WHERE THE RAMASUN CAPABILITY HAD BEEN RELOCATED. WE WOULD RATHER NOT HAVE TO ENTERTAIN SUCH UNANSWERABLE QUERIES. WE ARE PREPARED, HOWEVER, TO LIVE WITH THE MENTION OF RAMASUN IN PARA ONE OF THE THAI TEXT SINCE YOU INDICATE PHICHAH HIMSELF ADDED IT FOR INTERNAL POLITICAL REASONS.

3. ALTHOUGH THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL CHICKENS YET TO BE HATCHED, WE WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND THE EMBASSY FOR SUGGESTING AND NEGOTIATING THIS JOINT PRESS STATEMENT. IT AVOIDS THE REAL POLITICAL, DIPLOMATIC, AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS OF AN OVERALL AGREEMENT OR AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES, YET IT MEETS THE THAI DESIRE FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL TO HAPPEN AROUND JULY 20. IT ALSO PUBLICLY ASSOCIATES THE THAI WITH OUR NEGOTIATING POSITION AND THUS CONSTITUTES A SIGNIFICANT MOVE TOWARD FINAL AGREEMENT. KISSINGER

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